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SUBJECT: UK NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR ON CLAIMS AND
CONSULAR MATTERS

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1. KEN JAMES, HEAD OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, FCO,
HAS INFORMED US THAT UK-GDR TALKS ON CLAIMS ARE
SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 17-19, AND THOSE ON
CONSULAR CONVENTION MAY 26. REGARDING CLAIMS, HE SAID
THAT UK INTENDED "TO THROW GAS STOVE AT THEM," BUT DID
NOT EXPECT TO GET MUCH. REGARDING CONSULAR CONVENTION,
HE SAID NATIONALITY WAS ONLY QUESTION OF IMPORTANCE
AND THAT UK HAD KEPT FRG FULLY INFORMED ON BRITISH
INTENTIONS.

2. JAMES SAID HE THOUGHT THAT UK REPS IN EAST BERLIN
WOULD BE ABLE TO BRIEF DEPARTMENT TEAM SATISFACTORILY
ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THAT IF DEPARTMENT TEAM
WISHED TO STOP OFF AT FCO ON WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON,
HE AND HIS STAFF WOULD BE PLEASED TO TALK TO THEM.
IF TEAM, FOR INSTANCE, WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN
DETAILS ON CLAIMS, JAMES SAID PAUL LE BRETON, A JUNIOR
OFFICER ON HIS STAFF, KNEW THE SUBJECT "BACKWARDS AND
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